

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Hodge et al.

**Application No.** 10/535,523

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**For:** CELL LINES AND HOST NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCES RELATED TO INFECTIOUS  
DISEASE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This Amendment and Response (Amendment) is filed in response to the Non-final Office action, dated October 16, 2008. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 16, 2009. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to **Deposit Account No. 02-4550.**

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 and end with a Conclusion on page 7.